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SUBJECT: IEA: SLT AD HOC STUDY GROUP ON ACCELERATED

DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES

REF: STATE 21510

1. SUMMARY: AD HOC GROUP MET JANUARY 30 AND 31 TO: EXPLORE MEANS FOR IDENTIFYING ENERGY PROJECTS THAT MIGHT BE ACCELERATED THROUGH COOPERATIVE MEASURES BY IEA COUNTRIES; ASSESS "GENERAL" AND "SPECIFIC" MEASURES (REFTEL) TO ENCOURAGE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT; AND PROPOSE PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING NATIONAL PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE ENERGY. DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES, ON A TECHNICAL BASIS, LAID GROUNDWORK FOR INITIAL REPORT TO BE COMPLETED IN NEXT SESSION OF AD HOC GROUP, NOW SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 18-19. END SUMMARY.

2. AD HOC STUDY GROUP CHAIRED BY IEA SECRETARIAT (KELLY, UK), MET AT OECD HEADQUARTERS JANUARY 30 AND 31 UNDER TERMS OF REFERENCE ADOPTED BY STANDING GROUP ON LONG-TERM MEASURES (SLT) JANUARY 24. GROUP ADOPTED QUESTIONNAIRE (BASED ON US SUBMISSION) WHICH PROVIDES FRAMEWORK FOR MEMBER COUNTRY SUBMISSIONS REGARDING POSSIBLE PROJECTS IN FIELD OF ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES. QUESTIONNAIRE REQUIRES DATA ON EACH COUNTRY'S PLANNED OR POSSIBLE ENERGY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, INCLUDING PRODUCTION POTENTIAL, CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS, PROJECTED OUTPUT, LONG RUN AVERAGE UNIT COSTS AND CONSTRAINTS ON DEVELOPMENT. RESULTS WILL BE EMPLOYED TO IDENTIFY AREAS IN WHICH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION MAY BE USEFUL IN DEVELOPING NEW ENERGY SOURCES, AND IN PROJECTING FUTURE ENERGY PRODUCTION BY IEA COUNTRIES.

3. CHAIRMAN ALSO ASKED SEVERAL DELEGATIONS TO PREPARE PAPERS ON VARIOUS OTHER ASPECTS OF ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT PROBLEM. US DELEGATION AGREED TO ELABORATE ITS PAPER PROPOSING IEA REVIEW OF NATIONAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS ACCORDING TO CERTAIN CRITERIA, INCLUDING OUTPUT RELATIVE TO PREVIOUS PERIODS, OUTPUT RELATIVE TO POTENTIAL, AND SUBJECTIVE MEASUREMENT OF NATIONAL EFFORTS.

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4. COMMENT: SESSION WAS MOST USEFUL IN DEVELOPING A FRAMEWORK FOR COLLECTION OF DATA ON POSSIBILITIES FOR ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT AND CONVEYING TO OTHER DELEGATIONS SERIOUSNESS OF US COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVING CONSUMER SOLIDARITY IN THIS AREA. WHILE DISCUSSION REVEALED BROADINTEREST IN "SPECIFIC" (SEE REFTEL) MEASURES TO ASSIST ALTERNATIVE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT, THERE WAS WIDESPREAD CRITICISM OF "GENERAL" MEASURE CONCEPT OF A PRICE

FLOOR TO PROVIDE INVESTORS A SAFETY NET AGAINST DOWNWARD
PRICE RISK. US DELEGATION INSISTED, AND CHAIRMAN TACIT-
LY AGREED, THAT AD HOC GROUP SHOULD LEAVE THIS QUESTION
OPEN AND SHOULD ANALYZE THE MAXIMUM RANGE OF OPTIONS,
LEAVING SELECTION OF ALTERNATIVE POLICIES TO SLT AND
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